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MAIANTHEMUM CANADENSE
WILD LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY

Wild Lily-of-the-valley is a rhizomatous perennial with unbranched, sparsely hairy, zig-zag-shaped stems that are 8-20 cm high. The 2-3 alternate, elliptical leaves are ca. 6 cm long and are sessile or on a short petiole that partly surrounds the stem. The small, white flowers are borne in a tightly branched terminal inflorescence. The flowers have 4 stamens and 4 narrow, undifferentiated tepals that are ca. 2 mm long. The ovary matures into a red, 1-2 seeded berry that is ca. 3 mm wide. Flowering in June.

Species of *SMILACINA* and *DISPORUM* have more leaves, much larger fruits, 6 tepals, and 6 stamens as compared with *MAIANTHEMUM*.